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In re Application of: )  
NOBORU HAMADA )  
Application No.: 09/588,672 )  
Filed: June 6, 2000 )  
For: NETWORK DEVICE )  
MANAGING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD )  
Examiner: N. El Hady  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document so listed is enclosed.

"Universal Plug and Play to Make Network Configuration Easy and Convenient for the Average Consumer", web page presented by Microsoft in 1999.

<[http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/features/1999/03-01\\_upnp.aspx](http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/features/1999/03-01_upnp.aspx)>

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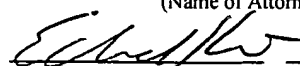
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The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action, a Notice Of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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